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CRENSHAW-TO-LAX PROJECT ROLLS FORWARD

Construction of the Crenshaw-to-LAX light rail line received a significant boost today with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority staff recommending a \$1.27 billion contract to build the line.

On June 27, the full Metro board is scheduled to vote on the contract and whether to approve Walsh/Shea Corridor Constructors as the contractor. It comes on the heels of a vote by the Metro board last month to include a train station stop in Leimert Park Village and a Hindry station in Westchester.

The project, which is expected to break ground this year, will cover 8.5 miles and will serve as a major economic engine for the surrounding community. Expected to be completed by 2019, the new Crenshaw-to-LAX line will transport workers employed by restaurants, hotels, rental car fleets and other airport-related industries to their jobs. The entire budget for all costs related to the Crenshaw-to-LAX line is estimated at \$2.05 billion.

"We honor the memory and vision of Mayor Tom Bradley and Congressman Julian Dixon, both of whom played a crucial role in seeing the importance of establishing a world class public transportation system in Los Angeles," said Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chairman Mark Ridley-Thomas, who has championed the Crenshaw-to-LAX line for the past four years in his role as supervisor. "I look forward to the ground breaking later this year as well as the future impact this project will have in easing congestion, spurring economic development and contributing to a cleaner environment. This county deserves and needs a solid transportation system and it will be done right."

Please click on the link below to view a timeline of the Crenshaw-to-LAX light rail line.

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